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INTERACTIVE REVERSE CHANNEL FOR

DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to consideration on the merits, amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice. Add the following new claims:

2. A method of monitoring a Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) service subscriber's

station to obtain audience rating measurements indicative of the DBS subscriber's

viewing habits, comprising the steps of:

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